

ELCV Trustees Meeting

2 pm, Monday 25th February, 2019
Fletcher Room, Town House, Haddington

Present; Dave Oldham (Chair), Kate Odling, Mike Sharp, Jane Campbell, Katty Baird, Peter Wells, Duncan Priddle, Colin Ballantyne, John Harrison

| Agenda | Action |
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| 1 Apologies; John Laws, Dave Quarenden, Dick Gill, Anne Pearson, Abbie Marland, | |
| 2 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate. | |
| 3 <u>Aberlady Hub Update;</u> Planning permission has been granted. As HLF is not accepting grant applications, at the moment, an application has been submitted to the Bank of Scotland Foundation (BSF). There will be a follow up phone interview (Peter Wells). Decision to be advised by 4 th April. Total project costs = £18521. BSF grant applied for £15 K Gullane & Aberlady Community Council have offered; £1500 Weymss & March have offered; £2000 Applications can also be made to the Area Partnership for outright or match-funding grants. The balance of the Path Wardens money is still in the ELCV account. The Path Wardens to be consulted about a possible loan. | PW DO |
| 4 <u>Stimulating more project proposals from Volunteer groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowcraig & Gullane £1000 has been donated by Robert Doris, from Amalfi in Direlton, for litter pickers. • North Berwick; Wetland Project.- £2-300 needed for a plastic sluice to prevent water draining away. • SNH was unable to fund the Invasives Project. The search continues. | PW |
| 5 <u>Report on the Invasives Landowners Meeting Held on 12th February</u> The Landowners meeting; 70 landowners have signed up. The presentation included spraying HB & JK too. Volunteers are not needed to pull up plants on farmland. Volunteers are needed to spot Invasive plants & add them to the overall distribution map. Dave Q is organising a smart phone app so that it is easy to enter the grid ref. Potential spotters include Path Wardens, Tyne Team, North Berwick Kayak group, Friends of River Tyne & ELCV members. Islands on the Tyne will be managed by Volunteers. The area extends up to Vogrie so Midlothian Rangers & volunteers are to be invited to join. | DQ DO |
| 6 <u>Update on Raising Awareness of ELCV</u> The article in East Lothian Life has been held over to the next edition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasives Week (2019) will be 13th – 17th May providing a great opportunity to promote ELCV work on the River Tyne catchment. • Mud in Your Eye; article for next edition (May – in by March) • Events where ELCV can be promoted include TWIC conference (end April), Vogrie Outdoor Festival, Haddington Show. For talks a powerpoint presentation would be helpful. A poster to advertise ELCV at events | DO KB DO |

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| | would also be ideal. | |
| 7. | Business Plan Update Carried over to next meeting | DO |
| 8. | AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELCV volunteers, Network Rail and Butterfly Conservation Scotland working together to enhance butterfly habitat with wild flower planting during the new landscape work at the county's railway stations • RBS volunteers at Aberlady want to donate money to ELCV. Suggestion that Corporate donations can be distributed across the county A donate button on the web page would facilitate donations – this to be investigated. Bank details can also be distributed to Rangers. | AM JH DQ KO,DG |
| 9. | Date of next meeting; A Doodle Poll will be circulated for a meeting at end April/early May. | KB |